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1. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH IEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LANTZKE ON BASIS REFTELS, LANTZKE HAS ASSURED US THAT HE DOES NOT PERSONALLY INTEND TO TAKE PART IN ANY OECD-OPEC SECRETARIAT CONTACTS, AT LEAST FOR PRESENT.

2. WE RETURNED TO MATTER DECEMBER 19, IN LIGHT OF DISPARATE VIEWS EXPRESSED AT IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND CLEAR VIEW OF SOME DELS THAT LANTZKE WOULD BE UNDERTAKING CONTACTS ON BEHALF OF AGENCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GOVERNING BOARD CONCLUSIONS ON THIS POINT WERE AMBIGUOUS. THEY RECOGNIZED "USEFULNESS OF TECHNICAL CONTACTS WITH OPEC SECRETARIAT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE IEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" AND REFERRED QUESTION OF SUCH CONTACTS TO THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER STANDING GROUP" FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BRIEF TO WHICH THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD SPEAK IN ANY SUCH CONTACTS." LANTZKE AGAIN TOLD US FOLLOWING GB THAT HE HAD NOT CHANGED HIS VIEW ON HIS OWN PARTICIPATION.

3. WE ALSO CONVEYED US VIEWS PER REF C TO OECD ECONOMIC
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DIRECTOR MARRIS AND (MORE BRIEFLY) DEPSEC GEN WOOTTON.

SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AGREED ENTIRELY WITH US VIEWS,
INCLUDING UNDESIRABILITY OF ANY DISCUSSION OF INDEXATION
WITH OPEC AND NEED FOR CLOSER GUIDANCE FROM COUNCIL (OR
IEA).
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